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Amendment B: REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendments, Claims 11-16 remain pending. Claims 1 - 10 were previously canceled. Reconsideration of the rejections, in light of the forgoing amendments and present remarks, is respectfully requested. The present amendments have been entered for the purpose of placing the claim language into a more proper U.S. format.

In the Office Action, Claims 11-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by the Harrison publication.

As an overview to the present reply, Applicant has revised Claim 11. Claim 11 now recites the scale indicator means as disclosed in original Figures 1-3 and in Paragraphs [0026], [0039], and [0043]. The scale indicator means is not disclosed by the prior art, which solely relies upon color indicators. The present invention presents a scale to improve the presentation and understanding of the time information by the indicator means.

With respect to the prior art rejection based upon the Harrison publication, Applicant respectfully contends that the Harrison patent fails to disclose all elements of the present invention as now claimed. The present invention allows the display unit to have a variety of shapes and sizes, including irregular forms. The prior art does not provide for such options.

Dependent Claims 12 - 16 herein, respectively, correspond to the limitations of previous

dependent Claims 2 - 6.

Based upon the foregoing analysis, Applicant contends that independent Claim 11 is now in proper condition for allowance. Additionally, those claims which are dependent upon independent Claim 11 should also be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the claims at an early date is earnestly solicited. Since no new claims have been added above those originally paid for, no additional fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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